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Children's concert series goes to Vietman. Photos page 12.

IN BRIEF

The Coaches Association of Ontario and the Township of Minden Hills are hosting a free two-day coaching clinic this coming weekend. It's for coaches who want to help players of all ages develop competitive abilities, The session is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It will be held in the Scout/Guide Room at the rear of the community centre. For more information or to register call Rick Cox at 286-1260 ext. 220.

IN QUOTES

"We didn't have the wheels that some of the teams had, so our goal was to hit them up and slow them down."

GMHL's Bob Russell
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Trustees rethink early school return

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is reconsidering its decision to start the school year before Labour Day weekend.

While the board's trustees voted earlier this spring to start the 2009/10 school year on September 1, a recent outpouring of negative response from families and businesspeople throughout the board's jurisdiction have trustees rethinking their decision.

Some of these concerned individuals made presentations to trustees during a committee-of-the-whole board meeting in Bracebridge on April 14.

Bob Kerr, past president of the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce, told trustees he was speaking on behalf of a number of chambers in the region, including the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Kerr stressed that Labour Day is one of the busiest weekends of the year for resorts, restaurants and retailers throughout cottage country and urged them to push the start date back until September 8, the Tuesday after Labour Day.

see BUSINESSES *page 10*

Matt James/TIMES

Fit Kids have more fun

Staying active is no laughing matter... unless you're two-year-old Sierra Moore who giggles under the parachute during an hour of Fit Kids fun. Will the group continue to run without Ontario Early Years Centre funding? See page 17 for more photos and the answer.

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Cruiser stranded between washouts

Early last Friday morning, police were called to help a motorist who had got stuck in a washout on County Road 503 near Irondale. A beaver dam near the Bark Lake outdoor centre had burst, releasing a torrent of water across the road. The rushing water caused another washout behind the cruiser, leaving it stranded until county road crews were able to fill in the large crevices. The road reopened that night. Video at www.mindentimes.ca.

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Runway expansion likely won't need a full environment assessment

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands continues to prepare for the launch of its runway expansion project at the Stanhope Airport.

During an update to councillors last week, chief administrative officer Lorne Mitchell said the municipality had so far received 17 bids for the construction contract.

Bidding closes on April 24.

Also, Mitchell said, the township has completed and sent off the documents pertaining to a federal environmental assessment of the site as well as a certificate of approval for a storm water management plan.

"It looks like those issues are close to completion," he said. "It's all about the paperwork."

A full environmental assessment and storm water management plan were requested by the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association, which has loudly protested the project saying it runs against the will of the majority of the township's residents and is fiscally irresponsible.

Because the planned crosswind runway is to be 1,220 metres in length, Mitchell said he is sure the project will only be subject to an environmental "scan," rather than an all-out assessment.

Full assessments, Mitchell believes, are required only for runways of 1,500 metres or more. Scans, he said, involve fewer tests than a full assessment and are designed to expedite the development process.

The township learned earlier this year it would be receiving two-thirds of the funding for the $3.6-million project through the Building Canada Fund, a cost-sharing program with the federal and provincial governments.

Staff has said that most of the project should be completed by the end of October, though issues pertaining to the required topping of trees on private land in Dysart et al remain to be dealt with.

Andrew Kuzyk, who owns a Dysart property neighbouring the airport, has objected to the idea of the municipality topping trees on his property.

While Algonquin Highlands can, through legal recourse, access and top trees within its own boundaries, Kuzyk has said he will do his best his stop Algonquin Highlands from topping his trees.

In a resolution last week, councillors for Dysart et al voted to support Kuzyk in his opposition.

Kuzyk is scheduled to appear before county council this week.

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Painting the town red, and purple, and blue...

Minden's 2009 Festival of Banners is underway. Local artists are currently busy creating the banners that will adorn Minden's lampposts and telephone poles this spring, summer and fall. This is the third year for the program has run. In the fall, the banners will auctioned off, the proceeds used to buy art supplies for the creation of next year's batch of banners. Louise Docherty is one of a handful of Minden artists creating works for this year's banner festival in the back room of the Organic Times (formerly the Store Room).

Minden artist Sue Bennett is participating in the banner festival for the first time this year.

Sharon Luke works on a banner featuring a musher and his husky. This is her second year in the program.

Infrastructure funding programs may help pave all roads in AH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is hoping to take advantage of the funds being offered to municipalities by the provincial and federal governments as it prepares to fill out grant applications for a number of infrastructure projects.

Councillors decided at a meeting on April 16 to move ahead with grant applications to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and the Building Canada Fund. They are both cost-sharing programs with the provincial and federal governments which pay for two-thirds of a project while the remaining third falls to the municipality.

"You probably won't get this opportunity again," the township's chief administrative officer, Lorne Mitchell, told councillors, referring to the huge sums of money the province and feds are doling out in an effort to combat the current recession.

It is the Building Canada Fund that is paying for two thirds of the township's $3.6-million Stanhope Airport expansion and the government recently announced it would be handing out a second round of grants.

Under that fund, the township will be applying for a grant to create a multi-purpose pad at the Stanhope outdoor rink.

This winter the outdoor rink enjoyed much use, councillors agreed.

The estimated $75,000 project would involve outfitting the rink with permanent boards and a surface that could house ice during the winter and be used for activities during the rest of the year.

Under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, councillors decided to apply for funds to pay for improvements to the McClintock sewage lagoon, a backup generator for the municipal office and the grading and surfacing of the township's 54 kilometres of gravel roads.

The latter project would be far and away the most expensive.

The township's public works director, Brian Whetstone, told councillors the job would cost between $60,000 and $70,000 per kilometre, meaning a total cost of approximately $3.5 million.

While Councillor Diane Griffin agreed on the need for the project, she was concerned about how the municipality would go about paying its third of the cost.

"How do we pay it back without crippling ourselves?" she asked.

Mitchell told Griffin that with proper fiscal planning, the township would comfortably be able to repay its share over four years and Whetstone said the township would be saving money on certain materials – such as $50,000 a year in calcium – used for the maintenance of gravel roads.

Improvements to the McClintock sewage lagoon are expected to cost between $90,000 and $120,000, Whetstone said.

The sewage treatment facility needs to be cleaned and outfitted with new tubing.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she thought it was important to proceed with the grant applications since two-third funding is rare and since the projects would have to be completed by the municipality sooner or later anyway.

"They are out there looming," Harrison said. "How often are you going to get this?"

Business plans required for the grants are currently being drawn up. The deadline date for applications is May 1.

Councillors have decided to hold a special meeting on April 29 to approve the applications.

Shrink wrap for boats banned in Algonquin Highlands landfills

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The plastic shrink-wrap that is used to protect boats during winter storage will be banned from landfills in Algonquin Highlands township as of July 4.

Councillors made the decision during a meeting on April 16.

The material, councillors agreed, takes up too much space in the township's landfills, many of which are nearing the end of their lifespans.

"Space in our landfills is always an issue," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Councillor Diane Griffin, who brought the issue of a boat shrink-wrap ban to the council table, said she was afraid that an immediate ban would not give marinas in the area enough time to adapt to the change.

Accepting the shrink-wrap up until July 4, councillors agreed, will give people a chance to discard their shrink-wrap for this season.

As for what boaters should do with their shrink-wrap in future years, Harrison suggested they make agreements with marinas so that the disposal of shrink-wrap would fall to the marina operators.

There are specialized facilities that do recycle boat shrink-wrap.

- Other townships in the county have already banned the material from their landfills.

In the meantime, until July 4, boat shrink-wrap that is clear of debris will continue to be accepted at landfills in Algonquin Highlands for a fee of $20 per square metre.

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Marcus Hewitt, Amanda vanLieshout, Karl Kadwell, Kara Pogue and Kyla Suchovs will be representing Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the provincial Envirothon competition on May 6.

HHSS enviro team advances

An environmental competition for high school students, known as Envirothon, at Arrowhead Provincial Park saw a local team advance to the provincial level.

The enthusiastic and experienced team, Haliburton Gold, was led by their teacher, Ron Zondervan. It consists of Karl Kadwell, Marcus Hewitt, Amanda vanLieshout, Kara Pogue and Kyla Suchovs.

Envirothon is a hands-on environmental competition for high school aged students who compete on five topics. This year's five topics were forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatics and biodiversity in a changing world.

The HHSS team won the honour of advancing to the provincial competition in Brant County on May 6. The winner will represent Ontario at the North America Envirothon in Asheville, North Carolina.

G-8 Summit impact may cost $246,000

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

If something goes wrong during the 2010 G-8 summit in Huntsville, it looks like Algonquin Highlands will be there to help.

Councillors for the municipality tentatively agreed at an April 16 meeting to opt into an agreement with the federal government to have its fire services on standby during the three-day event and the 10 days preceding it.

The conference, which as many as 35 world leaders are expected to attend, will be held at Huntsville's Deerhurst Resort from June 25 to 27, 2010.

Councillor Carol Moffatt questioned whether the township, with its volunteer fire department, has enough manpower to provide that kind of 24-hour standby.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she thoughtthat with enough notice the township's firefighters would be able to accommodate the request.

"We're not getting enough info to make solid plans (at this point)," Harrison said, noting she expected to see more information from the federal government about the preparedness program.

Having firefighters on paid, 24-hour standby for 13 days could cost the township up to $246,000.

The federal government has said it "may" help cover these expenses.

Should the conference have to be evacuated for any reason, Algonquin Highlands would be one of the main escape routes, councillors reasoned, with highways 35 and 60 running through the township.

The township's chief administrative officer, Lorne Mitchell, said he expects traffic flow in the township to increase dramatically before, during and after the event and even suggested the township make portable toilets and water available for the thousands of people expected to pass through the township on their way to Huntsville.

Mitchell said he was aware of accommodators in the area that are already booked up with reservations from protest groups.

The federal government has made the same request for backup emergency services to many municipalities in the area.

While Highlands East council has decided that municipality will not be taking part in the preparedness program, councillors from Dysart et al are still considering the idea.

Next year's G-8 will be the fifth to be held in Canada.

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EDITORIALCOMMENT

Sounds of Vietnam

It was nice to see the number of families and children who came out to watch the Khac Chi ensemble during their performance at YMCA Wanakita as part of the Razzmatazz children's series on April 19.

Former residents of Vietnam and expert players on a number of traditional and rare Vietnamese instruments, Chi Khac Ho and Bic Huang put on an energetic, hour-long show that seemed to be enjoyed as much by the adults in the crowd as by their children.

And rightfully so.

It's not often that residents of rural Ontario come across Eastern instruments, let alone musicians who know how to play them with great skill.

The show was an educational, eye-opening look at what an extensive array of musical instruments exist in the world.

While some of the Vietnamese instruments featured in the show resembled Western instruments – one was played much like a vertical xylophone – others were like nothing used in Western music.

There was a wooden, stringed, fretless instrument played with a bow – sort of like a violin – but that also included a mouthpiece through which the player blew, creating a sound similar to the meowing of a cat.

Another, consisting of a series of reeds that had been tied together, was played without the players even coming into contact with the thing, but rather clapping or waving their hands in front of the openings of the pipes, to create eerie, wind-like sounds.

Eastern music also traditionally uses a series of scales separate and distinct from those used in Western music, but this didn't seem to stop anyone in the crowd from enjoying what they were hearing.

Parents sat in slack-jawed amusement as their children danced joyfully around, jumping and stomping to sounds produced by two musicians from a world away.

Music is often referred to as the international language and the show was a living example of its incredible ability to transcend age, gender, ethnicity and any other of the social cleavages that sometimes seem to divide humanity.

Earth Day is every day

This week marks Earth Day, an event that for decades has been encouraging people to reduce, reuse, recycle and conserve in an attempt to preserve our natural environment.

And while some people will do their best to pitch in and pick up some garbage or flick off a light switch, it's important that the good environmental habits so many people practice on Earth Day be employed throughout the year.

Advocating responsible environmental stewardship is, after all, the point of Earth Day, and, if we were really doing a good job as environmental stewards, we wouldn't need to hold an Earth Day at all.

Chad Ingram

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A Vietnamese Song — Photo by Chad Ingram

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

$3.6 million for six months of work

To the Editor:

Following the farce of Algonquin Highland's construction project for the "airport to nowhere" I see from the latest Times article that this project should soon be started and completed by October. How many locals does the township expect will get employment during the six months of construction for this $3.6 million dollar project? Perhaps a dozen? I wonder how many local people will ever even see let alone use this valuable piece of asphalt after it is built. As for commercial or industrial use, please tell me what products will ever be produced that could ever be economically shipped by air.

During a time of terrible economic crisis money that could have been used for a much more constructive purpose is now being diverted down a rat hole. I am sure that any area resident could come up with a number of suggested projects that we have a greater need for than a runway. I, for one, would like to see a public indoor swimming pool. I suggest that for the next six months the Times should publish a new letter each week from an area resident for a public works project that is needed more than a runway.

Larry Bukta
Minden

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Three-way stop way to go

To the Editor:

Regarding Councillor Peter Oyler's hope to "vamp up safety measures" at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street, his intentions are honourable but they leave me with a conundrum. If Oyler is, in fact, a recognized authority on school safety then why wasn't he consulted instead of spending taxpayer money on an external consultant? And, if he is not, then shouldn't council simply follow the consultant's advice as Councillor Bill Obee suggests?

Oyler recommends proper signage, an automated flashing light system and a 20 km/h speed limit. He puts down Riscylla Shaw's request for a three-way stop as "insufficient" based on his observations at the intersection. He said that there were "rolling stops" and that "77 per cent of motorists failed to come to a complete stop."

Oyler's "research" sounds very impressive, but is it? The answer is no, because his observations were taken at a *single* stop sign, not a three-way stop and the results, therefore, are not comparable. If Oyler wants his observations to be valid then he should observe a three-way stop and take his percentages from it.

I would like to examine Shaw's request, which I think is a good one, a little more closely and I hope that council will too. Best of all, a three-way stop would not be expensive. All that is required is two additional stop signs and some lines painted on the road. Presently there is a 40 km/h speed limit at the intersection and even "rolling stops" would have to be at a much slower speed than 40 km/h. Moreover, rolling stops are easy to enforce; a few citations handed to offending motorists would soon lead to a stricter observation of the stop signs.

Anything that slows traffic at a school zone would be good and I believe a three-way stop would do exactly that.

Glen Bonham
Minden Hills

Sound advice

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

ONE OF THE MORE interesting pieces of advice uttered of late comes from a Nobel Prize-winning Italian scientist and neurosurgeon, who recently turned 100 years of age. Dr. Levi Montalcini said, "Above all, don't fear difficult moments. The best comes from them."

I sure hope she's right.

That's because, with this advice in mind, I am now planning a very difficult moment. It'll begin with me asking my wife, "What would you think if I told you that I needed another expensive fly rod?" And, after that, I'll follow up by announcing that I will also purchase a pricey fly reel that I've had my eye on.

Needless to say, in the past, moments like this have been difficult and – forget the best – nothing remotely good has ever come of them. But that is only because I feared them. I now know better than that. The doctor, after all, is a certified genius.

This remarkable woman's advice has made me rethink my approach. After all, as a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who still has a fertile mind at the age of 100, she ought to know a thing or two about fly rods.

So today, I will walk up to my wife and ask the question fearlessly.

In fact, I'm going to take a break from writing this column and pop the question right now. The only thing to fear is fear itself, right? I mean aside from hungry lions, charging cape buffaloes, crazy people with sharp objects, megalomaniacs with nuclear arsenals, the Ebola virus, malaria, falls from high places, mother bears with cubs, food poisoning, getting ties caught in heavy machinery.... oh, and let's not forget fire. You'd be crazy if you didn't have a healthy fear of fire.

Anyhow, I'm going to leave for a bit and take care of this. I'll be back momentarily and report on whether she agrees on one set or two.

You know what? It worked.

I followed instructions to the letter. Though the moment was difficult, I did not fear it

Apparently, however, I don't need another fly rod. Apparently, I've got far too many already. Instead of even thinking about that nonsense, it seems that I ought to be spending money on something more useful like a new rototiller so I can help out in the garden, which feeds our family by the way. And, another thing – it appears that, we don't talk as much as we used to. We used to talk much more apparently.

Nor do I notice all the work she does around the house or even bother to compliment her on last night's dinner, which, apparently, was superb and took a lot of effort. And, another thing, it appears that I don't help with the yard work as much as I should. When's the last time I did yard work, huh? Or took her out for a good meal? Apparently, lunch at a fast food place doesn't count either. A new fly rod? Apparently, I must be joking.

Well, that advice worked out. Because of that difficult moment, I never even bothered to ask about the expensive reel.

And, just as the good doctor predicted, that was for the best.

Snappers at risk

BACKOFBEYOND

Neil Campbell

THERE IS A MAN I know who cares so much about the future of the Snapping Turtle that he goes to great lengths to move their nests out of harm's way.

This is a well-intentioned tactic that turtle experts say probably won't work in either the short or long term. In the long run, it is the adults who need saving, not their babies.

In the short term, my friend must know as much about nest requirements as the female turtle who laid the eggs in the first place. Instinct led her to a spot with soil and sun conditions that are precisely right and told her how deep to bury her nest.

Even if my friend gets that right, he must make the move in a hurry. Turtles develop in their eggs so they are pointed toward the soil surface and the sun.

If the human intervention turns the eggs upside down, so to speak, the hatchling heads in the direction it is pointed and buries itself deeper instead of digging itself out.

The females practically doom their own eggs before they lay them by urinating on their nest site to make the soil more diggable. The odour of urine attracts such predators as raccoons, skunks and minks.

My friend's re-nesting efforts are intended to move the eggs away from that odour, though I suspect his own human scent also may tickle a predator's fancy.

His concern about the future of Snappers is shared by the Committee On the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), which has recommended that they be tagged as a Species At Risk.

That's only a recommendation. It still needs a stamp of approval from the Harperites, whose record shows a determined indifference to environmental issues. Moreover, it would apply only on land under Ottawa's jurisdiction, such as military bases and the Trent-Severn Waterway.

A similar committee of experts is considering the Snapper's status in Ontario. Its decision automatically becomes provincial law, no matter what the politicians think of it, so it would have a far wider impact.

COSEWIC decided that the Snapper is a species of Special Concern, which is the bottom rung on the Species At Risk ladder.

If the Ontario panel duplicates that Special Concern status, that won't be enough to close the hunting season for Snappers in Haliburton and points north. Threatened or Endangered status would stop hunting.

The province's 2008-2009 hunting regulations say you can kill two Snappers a day from July 15 to September 15 and have as many as five in your possession.

Meat hunters probably aren't as big a threat as other humans who drain swamps, pave road shoulders and kill Snappers just because they don't like the look of them.

Most of the eggs laid each June are cleaned out by predators or fail for some other reason and most of the hatchlings are gobbled up before their shells harden.

That's all part of Nature's plan for a species with a life expectancy of a hundred years and more. If more than a few eggs turned into adults, we'd soon be waist-deep in Snappers, which might be a little unpleasant.

The flip side of that arrangement is that when we start losing adults, their numbers go down in a hurry. If otters start nibbling on hibernating adults, as they did in one Algonquin Park lake, it may take centuries for the population to recover.

In Haliburton, pond bottoms may have only one mud hole deep enough for hibernating. An otter who finds one of a pond's winter population may have found it all.

Mid-April feels like an odd time to be thinking about Snappers. In my imagination, they're just yawning and stretching and rolling over for another 40 winks.

But their future as in doubt, as is the future of almost every Haliburton turtle species, and every day is a good day to keep track of what is being done about that.

Help Dawson's Dream become a reality

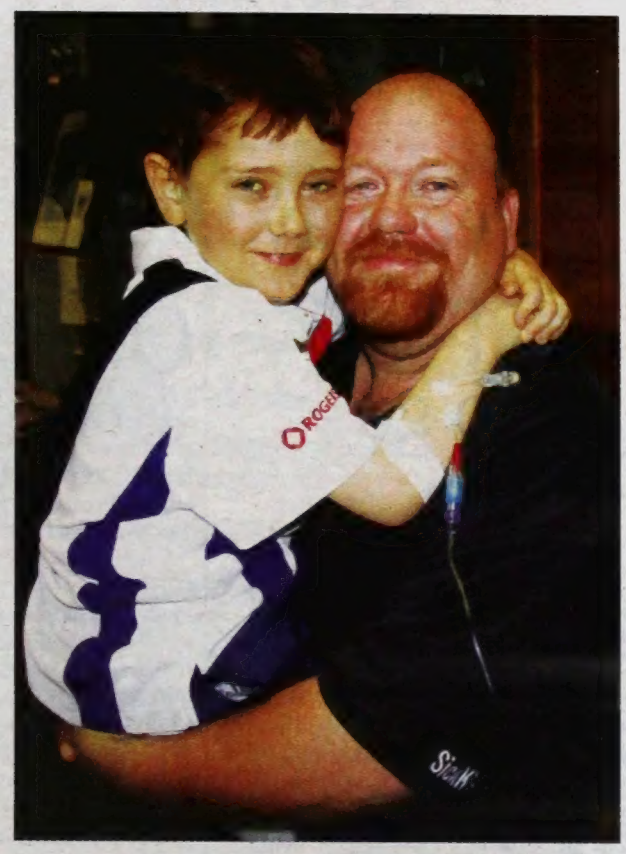
by JENN WHITEWAY
Special to the Times

I am the first to admit that I take life for granted too often and need a tap on the shoulder once in a while to put my priorities back on track.

For the last four years, I have had the incredible opportunity to share a friendship with a family who has helped me to put things back into perspective when I started to "sweat the small stuff."

Scot, Tanner and Dawson Hamilton have been on a journey of tremendous fear, sacrifice and uncertainty. It has been a seemingly endless battle due to Dawson's leukemia diagnosis in May 2005. The outcome, at times, was very grey and hazy. His body went through trauma that no human being should ever have to endure – two bone marrow transplants, endless months of chemotherapy and courses of full body radiation. When those treatments were complete, Dawson's body was left without an immune system therefore needing massive amounts of antibiotics and steroids to help his organs function, often leaving him in isolation.

Dawson spent four birthdays, four Hallowe'ens and four Christmases away from his home here in Minden. He spent that time at the Hospital for Sick Children, trying to fight this horrific disease. All of the invasive measures to get Dawson well have left him with irreversible, lifelong scars and damage, unseen on the surface.



Dawson Hamilton's father Scot would like to move the family into a single-level home since travelling up and down the stairs of the family's townhouse can be tiring for the Grade 3 student.

Dawson was released from the care of the hospital seven weeks ago but is required to travel on a weekly basis to the hospital for careful observation and required tests.

The family now must rebuild a life that focuses on Dawson's current and future needs. This chapter in their life includes having a home that can meet Dawson's limitations. Currently, they live in a small apartment that has three flights of stairs, often leaving Dawson restricted. He deserves to live in a place he can call home, where he can have the freedom to begin his new life without restrictions that constantly remind him of his illness. A place where he can be an eight-year-old boy.

Dawson's Dream Team has been working closely with many members of this wonderful community to help make Dawson's Dream come true!

On Saturday, May 2, we would like to invite all of you to the Dawson's Dream Home fundraiser at Carnarvon Bowl. This event is guaranteed be a day of fun, excitement and community spirit!

The events include a bowl-a-thon, carnival and silent auction. Bowling teams must have at least one adult and have a maximum of six people. The cost is $10 per person which includes your shoe rentals. This is a family event so kids and adults of all ages are welcome to join! Teams are filling up quickly so don't wait to long to register.

Come and enjoy the bouncy castle, inflatable jousting pit and water slide. There will be a paintball shooting gallery, balloon popping, face painting and prizes, prizes, prizes. The carnival will run from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Once again, we have received a number of very generous items for our silent auction – Leaf and Raptors tickets, ski passes, Wii Fit and theatre tickets to name only a few! Please help and donate if you can.

The Dawson's Dream Team would like to thank everyone who has already shown tremendous generosity by donating to the silent auction or registering their team. We truly live in a place where we "pay it forward."

If you would like to register your bowling team, make a donation or have any questions, please contact Jenn Whiteway: home (705) 754-9265; work (705) 286-1921; or e-mail jennifer_whiteway@sympatico.ca

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Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, **visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).**

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R.D. Lawrence Place demonstrates how to go "green"

Makeovers don't always happen in salons as the people of Minden will prove on Earth Day as they hit the streets for the 20-minute Minden Makeover.

R.D. Lawrence Place is challenging businesses, students, groups and the community to spend 20 minutes at noon on April 22 to pitch-in and clean-up their local environment.

"We all have 20 minutes we can spare one day a year to make the place where we live a little nicer," says Sheryl Loucks, RDLP co-ordinator. "Going green doesn't mean shelling green backs out of your wallet. It's exciting to see how quickly so many people are snapping up this idea."

Environment Haliburton members and their Green Man will meet at the cultural centre for the second year in a row at noon and others are welcome to join them in their makeover efforts. The churches in the village are getting teams together and there is a buzz from the downtown businesses about participating.

R.D. Lawrence Place is celebrating its first anniversary and for $5 people can join Sharon Lawrence for a tour of the new exhibits at the place and learn about her husband's Green Legacy. The tour will be followed by a presentation by Joanne Adair from the World Wildlife Federation who will be talking about the Good Life program. Loucks explains, RDLP is one of only 10 organizations to be accepted into a WWF pilot program to champion community environmental action.

Loucks explained this is an incredible opportunity to showcase not only the Place but all of the extraordinary work that is being done in Haliburton County around environmental issues. "Joanne was stunned by what we are accomplishing and is excited about profiling us on their national website," says Loucks.

Anyone interested in finding out more can go to www.thegoodlife.wwf.ca, and in the group section look up RDLP's group – Haliburton County Naturally.

The afternoon program will also include a reading from R.D. Lawrence's book *The Poison Makers*, a discussion about environmental progress since the writing of the book in the 1960s, local initiatives and a reading of local writer Pat Brown's Earth Hour reflection that was published on March 28 in the *Toronto Star*. This will happen in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The gallery currently features a landscape exhibition, a beautiful backdrop for a discussion about why the environment is worth saving.

The public is invited to the free launch of 150 Acts of Green challenge at 4 p.m. There will be a ceremonial planting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre grounds. The goal is to gather an online list of 150 things the community is doing to go green by the end of the sesquicentennial year. People are invited to bring their lawn chairs to enjoy a free concert of Earth Charter music by the Out Loud Womyn's choir that will follow the planting.

Collectors may also be interested in noting first anniversary postal stamp covers will be launched on Earth Day featuring a commissioned line drawing of the Place, photographs and the last of the R.D. Lawrence commemorative legal postage stamps. Covers are being sold for $5 as part of the RDLP fundraising campaign.

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PARKS & RECREATION

3 on 3 Ball Hockey League – Thursday nights – ASES
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Summer Sports Camps – Minden Community Centre Room#1
Registration at the Minden Community Centre Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 23, 2009 From 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (fees and restrictions – please visit www.mindenhills.ca/events for more information)

Summer Employment

Minden Hills Environmental & Property Department

The Minden Hills Environmental & Property department is requesting applications for summer employment for one student to assist with a survey in determining water meter and sump pump connections/locations within residential homes within the Village of Minden. Other duties will also include assisting operations staff in regular maintenance of equipment and facilities. The anticipated start date for this position is June 1, 2009. Please mail or fax your resume, complete with a covering letter, to the Township of Minden Hills, Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, FAX # 705-286-4917 by 12:00 noon, May 20, 2009, attention of Mr. Bob Romberg, Environmental & Property Operations Manager. Please contact Mr. Bob Romberg for further information at 705-286-1260, Ex. 216.

FACT OF INTEREST

There were 44 curling members the first year and in 1958 enough matching stones were purchased for 2 ices. The men's curling club was allotted one night a week on the ice. Percy Brintnell was President and Archie Stouffer was Secretary/Treasurer at that time.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 22	Earth Day Celebration at RDLP-Noon - 5 pm
April 30	Council, Council Chambers 9AM
May 14	COTW, Council Chambers 9 AM
July 10-12	Haliburton County Sportsmen's Show

Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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April 22 Earth Day- noon - 5pm Celebrations at RDLP
noon: 20 min Minden Makeover
1pm: RDLP tour
2pm: Poison Makers by RD Lawrence reading followed by a presentation from theWorldWildlife Federation about The Good Life and a discussion about current environmental issues. Admission $5
4pm: 150 Acts of Green launch at the Cultural Centre
Out LoudWomyn's Choir will sing pieces from the Earth Charter. Admission free.

April 25 9am to 2pm- $20 members $25 non-members .
AdultWorkshop with Darby Bayly Block printmaking stamps & funky cards

May 1, 4 pm Wild Pacific Trail Exhibit Opening and WINE reception

May 7 and 14 at 2pm - Art Today & Beyond 2 Part Series Lecture $15 members $20 non-members

May 24 Bus Trip to newly renovated Art Gallery of Ontario Includes transportation and guided tour of gallery $55 per person. Dinner at the KEG is additional. Bus departs township parking lot at 8am. Call 286-3763 to reserve

May 30 Stroll Through Memory Lane 50s/60s Dance. Tickets on sale now at the Museum! $15 pp

Sept 19 A JAZZ'n evening concert featuring JakeWilkinson. Wine reception 6:30pm concert 8pm $30 pp

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

***NOTICE* - ROAD CLOSURES for installation of the pedestrian footbridge across the Gull River (Riverwalk Project)**

Invergordon Avenue will be closed for two days, May 19 and 20, 2009 to accommodate the placement of the pedestrian footbridge over the Gull River. All residents northeast of the area in question are asked to use Stouffer Street, through the Arena entrance, to Parkside Avenue to access the Bobcaygeon Road for these two days - Invergordon Avenue will not be accessible to those residents. Once the bridge and crane are in place on Invergordon, residents southwest of this location will be able to use Invergordon during these two days. A safety area around the bridge and crane will be marked. A portion of Water Street (one lane) will be closed from Golf Course Road for a safety area which will be marked, during the installation of the bridge on May 20, 2009. Anyone wishing more information should contact 286-1260 ext 215, ext 214 or ext 212.

FIT KIDS! Ages 2-6

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Note: No Fit Kids on Apr. 10 & 24, May 22 or June 5
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 06-19
Applicant – **Roger B. CHARLESWORTH**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8924, registered March 19, 2009.
2. File No. 06-20
Applicant – **Roger B. CHARLESWORTH**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8924, registered March 19, 2009.
3. File No. 08-09
Applicant – **Robert and Shirley ELMS**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of East Moore Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8918, registered March 11, 2009.
4. File No. 08-10
Applicant – **Doug RIDDELL**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8916, registered March 10, 2009.
5. File No. 08-12
Applicant – **Erwin SPECKERT**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8923, registered March 18, 2009.
6. File No. 08-14
Applicant – **Nicholas D. and Kristina L. F. WADDELL**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8920, registered March 17, 2009.
7. File No. 08-15
Applicant – **Stephanie HAYES**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 5, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8917, registered March 10, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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Planning Administrator

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Businesses say early return would hurt them and students

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"Tourists and visitors would have to leave the region early," he said, adding that one long weekend less of summer work for students could have an impact on their finances throughout the school year.

Kerr said that of the 100 or so businesses that responded to a survey that his chamber sent out, 50 per cent said a late start to the school year would dramatically and negatively affect their business and seven per cent said they had already felt negative affects because of cancellations for Labour Day weekend.

He went on to emphasize that the area represented by the school board has one of the lowest per capita income levels in the province and that many people here are employed seasonally.

"Please reconsider your decision," he said.

Half a dozen other presenters – most businesspeople and tourism reps – expressed similar concerns.

Allison Dawes, a Muskoka business owner, told trustees that Labour Day weekend can account for as much as 10 per cent of her annual business and is a make-or-break time of year.

A number of school boards throughout the province who had originally planned to start their school years on September 1 have already pushed their start dates back to September 8 as a result of public pressure.

One of those boards is the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, a co-terminous board of Trillium Lakelands.

The two boards share buses.

According to Trillium Lakelands staff, running buses on its own for four days before Labour Day would cost the board an additional $60,000.

This expense and the fact that it would likely come out of classroom budgets for the year made a number of trustees uncomfortable.

Trustee Norah Fountain, who represents Muskoka, suggested the board rescind its previous decision and refer the calendar back to staff or the calendar committee to be reevaluated and reorganized.

"It's not a decision that can be made this evening," Fountain told her colleagues.

Most agreed.

All but three trustees voted to reconsider the calendar.

The province's deadline for the completion of school calendars is May 1. The board plans to make its final decision at the April 28 meeting.

One presenter, a Lindsay man who identified himself as a father of a student in the board, said he supported the calendar the way it was and said the wellbeing of students and their education should take priority over the local economy.

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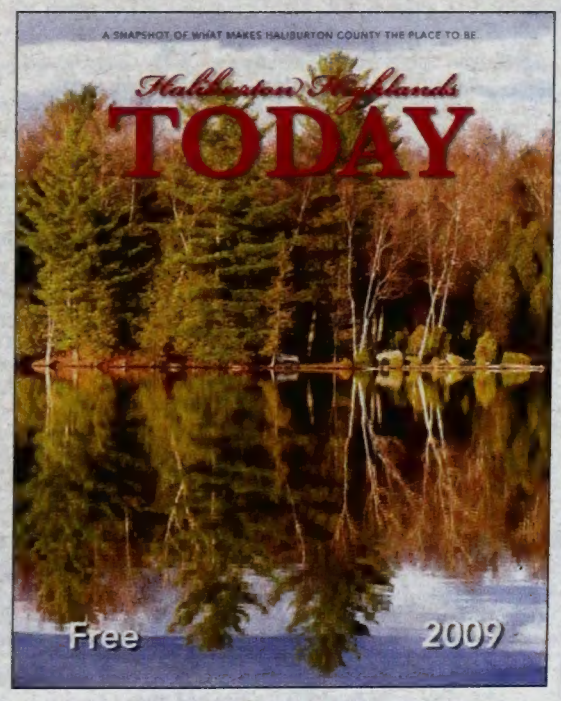

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Sign up for summer sports fun

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Minden Hills's director of community services didn't quite get the turn out he was hoping for during Sunday evening's registration for summer recreational opportunities.

However, there's still time to sign up when Rick Cox hosts another registration session during Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Turn Off the TV event tomorrow night. Registration goes from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This summer Minden Hills is offering a 3-on-3 ball hockey league on Thursday nights at ASES, T-ball (ages 3 to 6) and baseball leagues at the Minden Community Centre, and four weeks of summer sports day camps.

However, whether the programs will run depends on how many people want to participate.

"It all comes down to numbers," said Cox. "There has to be enough participation. We have to cover our costs."

The one positive from Sunday's registration was that Cox confirmed that are enough numbers to start the T-ball league, but that's it. He's hoping the second registration date will bring out enough people to get the other programs up and running.

Not only must there be enough participants, but Cox said volunteers will also be required to help township staff keep the programs running.

"We're hoping that when parents register [their kids] some of them will indicate their support," said Cox, adding that coaches are always needed.

The summer sports day camps run weekly, Monday to Friday, for four weeks beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at a cost of about $100 per week.

Cox said a minimum of 10 kids per week is required to run the camps and currently there are not enough kids signed up.

"We've never tried this before," said Cox of the summer camps.

"My objective is, especially with the hockey and the T-ball, to start it and support it," said Cox. "After that we're really going to be counting on parents and volunteers to keep it going and we've had some people indicate they're willing to do that. And that's great."

One volunteer has offered to put together a men's tennis league for just $10 a season. To this end Cox said, "And if someone wants to come to me with an idea I'm open to suggestions. I want to support these types of things."

The second registration for all summer recreational opportunities is Thursday, April 23 at Archie Stouffer from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For further information contact Rick Cox at 286-4093 and for other recreational sport opportunities check out the weekly Minden Hills advertising feature in the Minden Times.

Tentative summer camp schedule:
July 6-10 - Golf camp
July 13-17 - track & field camp
July 20-24 - football camp
July 27-31 - volleyball camp

File photo/TIMES

Minden Hills has a variety of sports and recreational opportunities planned for this summer, such as baseball and ball hockey leagues. But those plans will have to be cancelled if there aren't enough participants. You have another opportunity to register this Thursday night at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Bic Huang leads volunteer James Alexander, who donned some Vietnamese headgear, in creating a beat by using his feet and a wooden reed.

Chi Khac Ho plays a melody on a traditional Vietnamese wind instrument.

Sounds of Vietnam

The Khac Chi ensemble performed for children and parents at YMCA Wanakita on April 19 as part of the Razzmatazz children's concert series.

Photos by Chad Ingram

Thea Bowker, left, and Isabel Hill couldn't deny the rhythm and let loose with some dancing.

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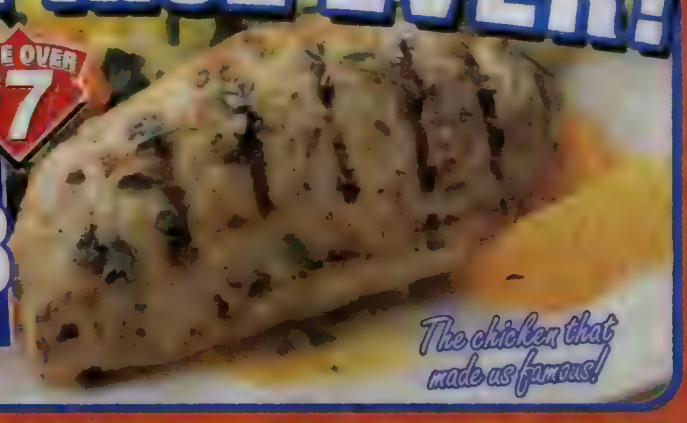

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Fighting is part of the game

But when it comes to RiverKings hockey, it's the penalties that can kill

by **MATT JAMES**
Times Staff

Watching the Leafs battle the Habs on CBC this past Saturday night, the broadcaster shared a story about a rookie in the NHL. The youngster received a stick to the face that resulted in plenty of blood and a few stitches in his first-ever NHL game. The refs couldn't see the infraction so no penalty was called.

As the young man had his face stitched, the coach came over to the bench and said, "Stitches to the face in your first game – welcome to the NHL kid."

Face it – to play hockey you have to be pretty tough. And when the best of the best take to the ice in the NHL, the game is skillful and physical and beautiful to watch. However, the professional level is only for the elite athlete.

But what about other leagues with young players who possess the hunger and desire to get to the next level? Like junior hockey? Like RiverKings hockey?

It was February 8 and the Minden RiverKings were hosting the Espanola Kings. The game was physical and the RiverKings continued to press even with a 7-1 lead. With just two seconds remaining in the second period a hit was made, words were said, gloves flew off, and fists hit faces.

When all was said and done, 77 penalties in minutes (PIM) were handed out to the two teams. It took about 15 to 20 minutes to sort it out and the crowd was restless. The third period brought an additional 36 PIM before game's end.

There were more boos than cheers and the level of hockey could hardly be qualified as quality.

A short time after the incident the Times spoke with multiple team owner and Greater Metro Hockey League president Bob Russell. "There was some rough play and some suspensions," Russell said. "The appropriate measures were taken."

Russell was aware of the altercation because it was brought up in the league's weekly teleconference meeting when Russell and other team owners, general managers and coaches discuss the week's events.

While punishment for suspensions and repeat offenders isn't exactly light, the players are given a half a dozen chances before the most extreme punishments are meted out.

"For a first disqualification a guy gets one game," said Russell. "For a second disqualification he gets two games, for a third he gets three and that continues up to six. Once he's at a six, he out of the league."

Matt James/TIMES

The RiverKings' Briar Hill, left of the referee, was a physical and offensive force for the RiverKings this past season. But sometimes the boys got a little too carried away like in this game against the Elliot Lake Bobcats.

Russell says the GMHL rules were established two ways: by the league's own needs and, for the most part, adopting the rules from the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). Russell feels the rules protect the players in his league.

When it comes to suspensions and how they're handed out, Russell said that is at the discretion of the referees but, in some cases, if necessary, a decision will go to a league vote.

"We really rely on our refs to have very good calls and be careful with the calls they're making," said Russell. "There's inconsistencies and we don't want that here."

No league ever wants refereeing inconsistencies but unfortunately referees are only human. In Minden this year it's safe to say the refs were consistently inconsistent. The topic of refereeing deserves its own article and will be investigated in the future.

For the majority of the RiverKings' inaugural season this past year, the team had a short bench and ice time was at a premium. After taking over the head coaching duties in November, Brooks Robinson knew what kind of team he had and what style of hockey they'd have to play to keep up.

"I think we played a really tough game," he said. "There's a couple bigger teams in the league but we hit up pretty good. We didn't have the wheels that some of the teams had, so our goal was to hit them up and slow them down."

Russell knew this RiverKings strategy quite well.

"Minden, by nature, has an aggressive team," he said. "Not in a negative way, but they are an aggressive, physical team."

Lui Ricci is the rookie head coach of the Nipissing Alouettes. He ranked his own team fifth on the toughness scale of the 14 teams in the GMHL. He ranked Minden as number two. "The games [against Minden] were pretty physical," said Ricci, whose team won the season series against the RiverKings 3-1.

Ricci said there are many variables that go into the quality of a hockey game. He believes the way a game plays out is determined by how the officials take care of business on the ice, how a coach manages his team, and what two teams are playing at any given time. "You have good control of your hockey club," said Ricci.

Comparing the physicality of the GMHL to similar tier II leagues, such as the Northern Ontario Junior A Hockey League (NOHL), the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL), and the Central Junior A Hockey League

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Full bench takes away the stress factor

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CJHL), Russell believes all leagues are quite similar in terms of rough play and intensity.

And when it comes to fights?

"I think there's less fighting here [in the GMHL] than any of the leagues because our penalties are more severe in regards to fighting."

But it's tough to compare the leagues because the GMHL doesn't track team penalties in minutes (PIM). But as an example, a team in one of the other leagues had a team season total of 1521 PIM in 49 regular season games. This equates to an average of just more than 31 PIM a game.

Does Ricce think the fighting ever takes away from the game? "No," he said. "In fact I think it's the other way around. The more physical the game the more the fans like it."

By his own calculations George Porter attended almost all of the RiverKings Sunday evening home games. The Mindenite is a longtime hockey fan. He coached Atoms to Midgets for 15 years, was a referee for six years, and played organized hockey.

"I enjoy the fact that there was some caliber of hockey that was above house league that I could go and watch," said Porter.

While it seemed to him that the team was a little unorganized in its first year he accepted what was in front of him it and supported the local team. When asked about the vigorous body play, he said, "It was pretty good. I don't think it was overly dirty or anything like that."

Porter has seen a lot rough stuff over the years but was also quick to admit that he might have been the one yelling, "Let's play some hockey!" during times of disorder on the ice.

Sometimes the fighting he saw was stupid but he says it occurs in every league. He added that there were only a few players who repeatedly took unnecessary penalties because of a lack of discipline.

"There's a couple of guys that are quite skilled and they don't get those kinds of penalties," said Porter. "And then some guys think that they're showing that they're really in it, that they're tough, and that they're trying by [taking stupid penalties]."

With a full bench throughout an entire season, Porter believes the team could be better. But a lot depends on who returns to the line up next season and what players management is able to draft.

"It was a world of a difference after a few of the trades were made," Porter said of the team's progress over the last three quarters of the season. "And I thought when Brooks took over he did a better job of coaching."

Robinson was able to take the team on a five-game winning streak to start his tenure as head coach but levelled off at .500 hockey. The RiverKings were eliminated in the first round the playoffs. But hey, they made it there.

At the last RiverKings' home game, management presented the RiverKings fan of the year award to 13-year-old Tanner Hamilton.

Tanner has played hockey for 10 years and is currently on the Bantam A Highland Storm. He thought it was pretty cool being selected as the fan of the year. "I was there every [Sunday] night," he said proudly.

At the games Tanner primarily enjoyed the atmosphere and watching the older players perform. Tanner looks up to the RiverKings. His favourite player was "probably [Brett] Meyers," and agreed that Meyers was a skilled player and a fast skater.

When asked what he thought about the games' physicality, he said "That was good because it got the fans into [the game] when there was a big hit."

And what about the fighting, what did he think of that?

He pauses. "It was pretty entertaining."

As the new team owners use the off-season to make changes to their team, only time will tell if people like Tanner, George, and the community will support another season of Minden RiverKings hockey.

Robinson believes in clean, hard hockey. And if he and Randles get their way, the bench will be full of players and the stands will be filled with people watching the RiverKings show what they've got.

Head coach Brooks Robinson, far right, exchanges pleasantries with Elliot Lake Bobcats staff. Robinson's team was one of the most physical in the league and it often got them in penalty trouble.

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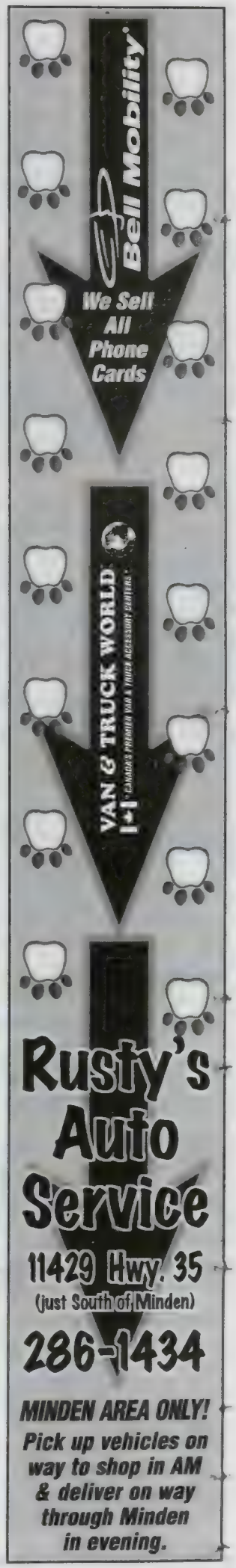

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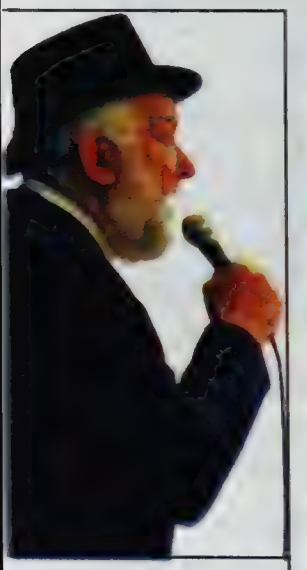

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Badminton team builds on strengths

by **MATT JAMES**
Times Staff

After all 32 junior and senior HHSS badminton players qualified at Kawartha West, more than half did so well at the Kawartha qualifying tournament that they will participate in the Kawartha championships this week.

Juniors

Junior badminton coach Bob Schmidt was quite pleased about the Kawartha qualifying tournament at Crestwood in Peterborough.

Seventy-five per cent of the team qualified for the Kawartha championships, which Haliburton will host on April 23.

Finishing in first place were the girls and boys doubles teams of Grace Diezel and Sam Tallman and Brandon Yake and Ian Bottum.

Qualifying in third place were a handful of students: Kirsten Schollig, girls' singles; Ashton Haley, boys singles; Ashley Proctor and Mark Vasey, mixed doubles; and Paige Roberts and Jenna Dibblee, girls' doubles.

Placing fourth was the mixed doubles team of Tessa Iles and Stephan Schollig.

Seniors

While less than half of the senior team qualified, coach Jason Morisette was proud of the effort his team put forward in Peterborough at the April 14 Kawartha qualifying tournament.

The senior boys' and girls' doubles teams played very well qualifying in first place. Drew Paul and Jesse Schmidt make up the boys' team while Hillary Hawley and Kaitlin Cowen make up the girls' team.

"My expectation is that the doubles teams will qualify for COSSA," said Morisette.

Also qualifying for the Kawartha championships is girls' singles Rachel Burk who placed fourth, and fourth-place mixed doubles partners Shane Dibblee and Kara Pogue.

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Jesse Schmidt, left, and Drew Paul, smashing, are the Red Hawks boys' doubles hopefuls for COSSA this year.

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Applicants must be in good health and physical condition and be willing to share information about their respective professions and country while learning about life in India. There are required training sessions prior to the trip and presentations to the local Rotary Clubs upon returning. Rotary International guidelines must be followed by team members while on this exchange.

While the trip is subsidized, team members will incur some expenses prior to and during the trip.

Interested applicants should forward a completed application form along with their resume and covering letter indicating why they are interested in this adventure to the attention of either Brian Menton, Rotary Club of Haliburton at 447-9961 or Bill Obee, Rotary Club of Minden at 489-3333.

Applications must be received by May 29, 2009. Selected individuals will be interviewed in North Bay on June 13, 2009. Team members must personally attend the interview to be considered.

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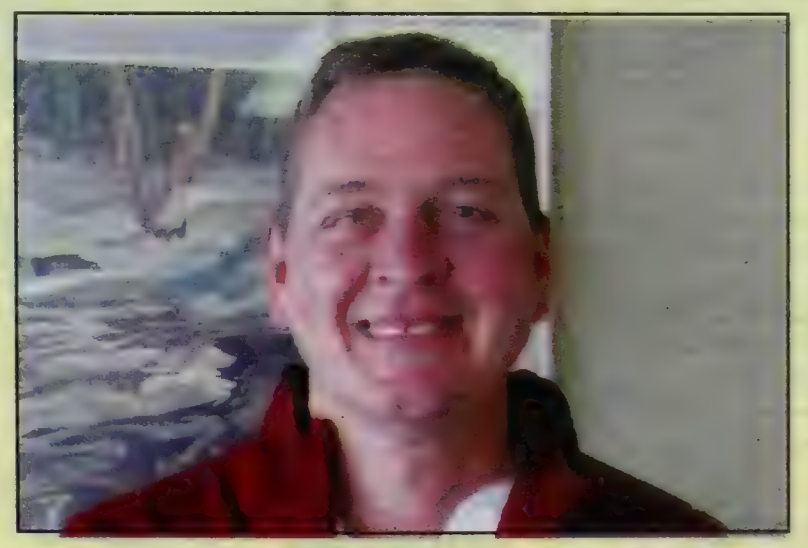
Fit Kids now run by volunteers

Fit Kids is up and running again, this time without financial aid from the Ontario Early Years Centre due to a lack of funding. However, thanks to a number of dedicated parental volunteers and the Township of Minden Hills, which donated space inside the community centre, local youngsters can continue to keep fit and have fun. On April 17 a handful of parents and kids played T-ball outside on a sunny Friday morning. Four-year-old Travis Clarke hit one out of the ballpark! Every Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. until May 29, parents, grandparents, and caregivers are invited to participate in Fit Kids. For more information call Brenda Duncan at the OEYC at 286-4625.

Jillian Goodliff, 3, chases down a big red ground ball.

To Celebrate Minden's 150th Birthday candles were in businesses all over Minden. Hundreds of people went out collecting candles and the 1st correct ballot drawn was David Arbuthnot.



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Support for parenting grandparents

Miner's Bay woman wants to form new group

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Times Staff

A Minden Hills woman raising her granddaughter is starting a support group for other grandparents raising their grandchildren.

Sue Whitaker lives just outside of Miner's Bay and takes care of her eight-year-old granddaughter, Alyssa.

"I took my grandchild home from the hospital," Whitaker says, explaining that she's been Alyssa's primary caregiver for the little girl's entire life.

Alyssa's mother, Whitaker's daughter, suffered a brain injury when she was 15 that left her unable to care for a child.

Alyssa's father has no interaction with her.

Whitaker's duties are made even more time-consuming by the fact that Alyssa is disabled.

"I raise a child with the special needs," Whitaker says, adding that at 54, caring for her granddaughter can frequently be tiring. "But it's very much worth it all."

A personal service worker, any retirement plans of Whitaker's have been pushed back for a while.

Her job allows her to schedule her hours around Alyssa's school schedule, but she says she finds her financial situation to be quite challenging.

Recently, Whitaker conducted an Internet search looking for people who were in a similar situation.

"It's more common than you'd think," Whitaker says of her situation.

What she came across was the Guelph-based non-profit group, Grand-Parenting Again, a support and advocacy group.

Whitaker recently travelled to Guelph to meet with some of the members

"They're fighting for a lot of things down there," Whitaker says. The group's members are constantly lobbying the provincial government for financial assistance and support.

Whitaker says she would like her group to act as a sort of satellite of the Guelph group and act as a forum for conversation about the common struggles and challenges of raising a grandchild.

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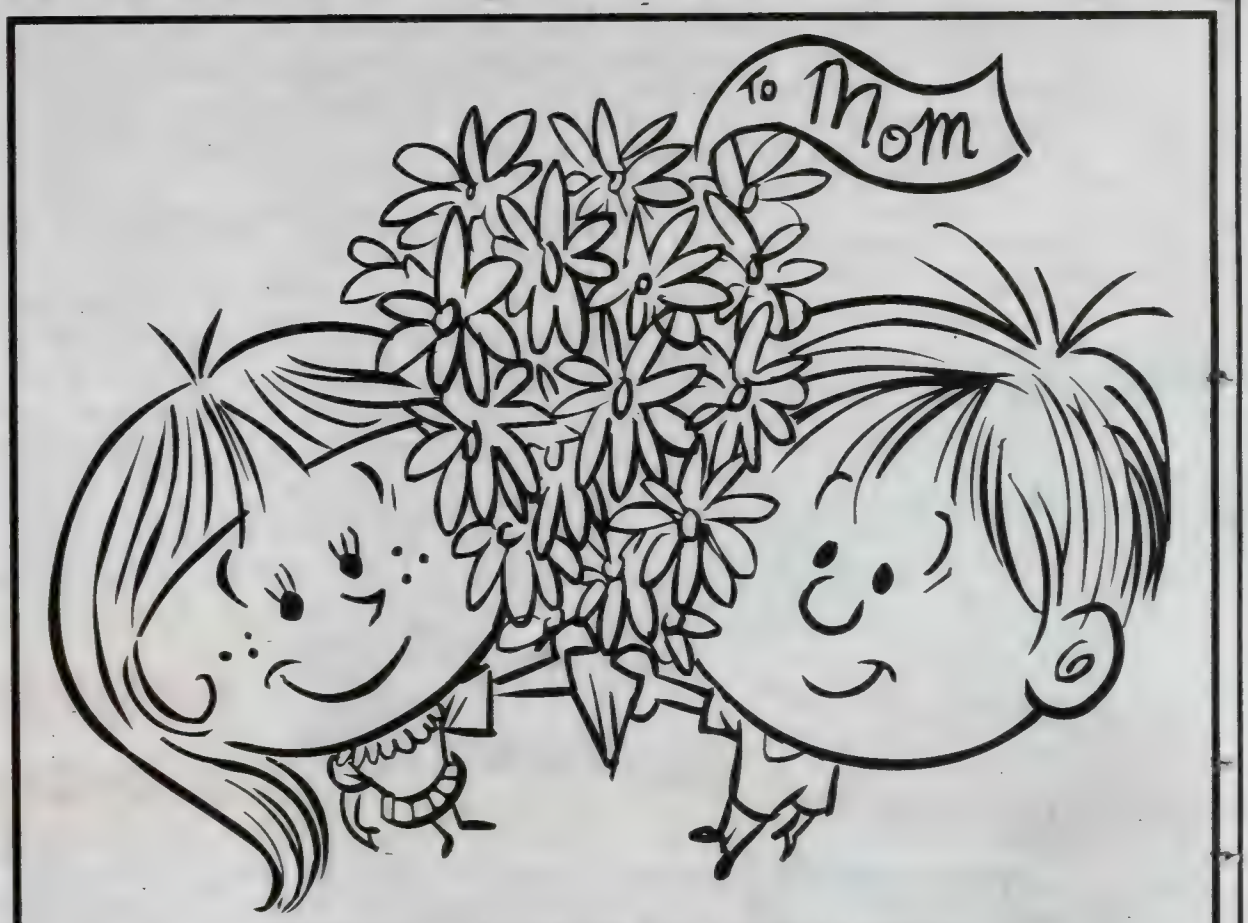

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The line up for the evening is fantastic! Writers Carl Bedal, Bruce Liddle, Cindy Watson and Melody Richardson will be reading excerpts from their collaboration of the recently published "Yesterday: Anthology of Memoirs." Dorset's Joy Moon will be sharing memories of her Christmas in Rio.

Huntsville singer-songwriter Linda McLean will be sharing her folk rock style. Joining us for the third year in a row is popular jazz and blues singer Zoe Chilco. Also joining the musical line up and new this year is classical guitarist Michael Ketemer.

Linda, Zoe and Michael all have recorded their wonderful music and signed copies of their CDs will be available to purchase during the walkabout and during intermission.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-009/09
   Applicant: Charles GOYETTE/William SHARPE/Patricia EARL/Nancy EARL/Nancy TIMMERS
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 12 & 13, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

2. File No. H-010/09 & H-011/09
   Applicant: Brendan & Joanne BERUBE
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   Nature of the Application: Rights-of-way

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   Applicant: Gordon & Frances JEWETT
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   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

4. File No. H-018/09
   Applicant: Helen HARTWICK
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 14, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Snowdon
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

5. File No. H-020/09
   Applicant: Theodore RHENIUS
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 19, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Stanhope
   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

6. File No. H-021/09
   Applicant: Glen & Myrna MARTIN
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 19, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Stanhope
   Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of April, 2009.

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ROSS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Lindsay, Ontario

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROSS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CORPORATION
Wednesday, June 10th, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Hospital Cafeteria

Business conducted will include:
(a) Reports of the Board Chair, Chief Executive Officer and Chief of Staff
(b) Report of the Auxiliary
(c) Reports of the Auditors, Audit Committee Chair, and Treasurer
(d) Appointment of Auditors
(e) Election of Governors
(f) New Business

Members of the Corporation in good standing may vote at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. Members must be 18 years of age and over and must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes, the County of Haliburton, or Brock Township in the Regional Municipality of Durham. An Application for General Membership in the Corporation must be submitted and fees paid in full no later than May 11th, 2009. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Ross Memorial Hospital at (705) 324-6111, ext. 4272 or lwebster@rmh.org.

The general public is invited to attend this meeting.

Tree starts new life on Earth Day

AROUNDTHETOWN

Patti Fleury
488-2938 Fax: 488-1246
email: brucefleury@ptbo.igs.net

Every now and then a new word gets added to one's vocabulary. This week Bruce and I tuned into Larry King whose guest list included newly-famous singer Susan Boyle being interviewed from her Scottish home. While waiting for Susan's segment we listened to Ashton Kutcher talk with host Larry about a "twittering" contest they had been engaged in with, the Hollywood star the eventual winner over CNN. Apparently when "twittering" on the Internet one sends out a "tweet" which is no longer just a Webster's Dictionary reference to "a thin chirping sound characteristic of small birds". Instead today's "tweet "may well refer to an electronic message which can only contain a maximum of 140 characters. Here at the old farmhouse more research is clearly necessary before "twittering" can safely be moved from the bird feeder to the keyboard.

This column will come out on Earth Day, April 22. By the time it hits the newsstand, City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee will have already visited Kinmount that morning to plant a tree in celebration of this special occasion. The tree, a Harlequin maple, will stand beside the Icelandic sculpture replacing one of the same species blown down in the August 2006 hurricane.

In his Promoter column of April 17, John Bick, president of the Bobcaygeon & District Horticultural Society, describes April as the month that "brings with it more hope than any other time of year". He reminds us that Earth Week is not only an ideal time to clean up our environments, both private and public, but also to plant new greenery . A phone check today with Campbell's Garden Centre in Minden confirmed that our planting area is Zone 4. Staff at the garden centre would be pleased to assist customers in recommending appropriate trees, shrubs and plants hardy to that zone. Please note that Saturday, May 2 will be Kinmount Annual Pitch-In Day to clean up around our home town and volunteers are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at the train station to pick up their supplies and assignments. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the library. Everyone with an interest in library services is most welcome to attend . In keeping with Kinmount's sesquicentennial librarian Mary Ann has some specific ideas she wants to present. The Friends group holds a very popular book sale regularly on the third Saturday of each month and supports the branch in enhancing the library experience for our residents of all ages both year round and seasonal.

The Kinmount Legion's general meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with the annual meeting for election of officers to be held on Sunday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m. The interest and support of all members is critical to the success of the branch

Please remember to gather up your refundable bottles and cans on Saturday, April 25 and help Ridgewood School, Coboconk purchase new playground equipment for our area children. Within Kinmount there will be curb pickup on that day and donations should be placed out at the curb by 11 a.m. for pickup by 2 p.m. For those living out of town a trailer will be stationed on the LCBO parking lot to receive your donations. Items can also be dropped off at the School on Monday, April 27 during school hours.

At Kinmount United Church, last Sunday morning's planned power outage meant that the old pump organ was pressed into service and, even after such a long sabbatical, its notes rang sweet and clear. Of historical interest it was Sir Ernest MacMillan who first played this lovely old Bell organ for the gathered congregation. Sunday, April 26, will be the third in a series of Mission Sundays to be held throughout 2009. The guests will be Joanne and Bob Penfold speaking on behalf of a local project which plans to assist in the drilling of over 100 village wells in India. Everyone is welcome to attend the service which begins at 9:45 a.m. Kinmount United Church is located up on the hill at 15 Cluxton Street . Listen for the bells.

You are invited to the
EMERGENCY SERVICES' APPRECIATION DAY
Sunday April 26th
Minden United Church at 11a.m.
21 Newcastle Street, Minden
Help us to recognize the Police, Firefighters, Paramedics & Hospital Emergency Personnel for their role in our community.
Light lunch served following the service.

Zion United Church - Carnarvon
"Your Community Church"

April 26 - 9am - Emergency Services Appreciation Sunday (OPP-Stanhope Fire Department-Ambulance etc.)
Zion & Maple Lake United Church are teaming up to present this community project to thank these men & women who answer the call.

May 2 & 9 - Work Bees
-Help us keep the "drafts out" (free lunch)

May 10 - Mother's Day Service
(Men Preparing Breakfast)

May 17 - Welcome Back Sunday
(Old Members-New Members-Snowbirds)

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The Highlands Festival Singers
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Open Easter Weekend (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon)

Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional family activities.

Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast from fresh baked bread, maple baked beans and complimented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area in many sizes and unusual styles. During your visit we offer many activities to enhance your stay and broaden your knowledge of this truly Canadian Tradition. Cheque or cash only.

Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday for Taffy-on-Snow at Sourdough Sam's Cabin (while snow lasts)
Easter Weekend (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon) - Easter Egg Hunt in the Sugarbush all day
Call 286-3202 for more information (group tours)

Coming
Events

MINDEN MIXED LOB BALL REGISTRATION
April 29th & 30th
Rockcliffe Tavern
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Sign up as a team or as an individual
$35 per person due at sign-up
New Division 35+
Game Days: Wed & Thurs, Starting May 20th
More info:
Lawrence: 286-1706
Tammy: 286-3013
(must be 18 years of age or older)

Matt James/TIMES

Highland Summer Festival president Jack Brezina shared the emcee duties with David Mills at Saturday night's 10th anniversary gala concert.

Veteran performer Christine Archer and Christopher Greaves wrapped up the evening's performances with the help of the crowd at the Northern Lights Pavilion. The gala featured highlights from the past seasons as well as a glimpse of what's to come this summer, including a production of Annie.

Ryan Dawson and Kate Campbell performed a scene from Salt Water Moon (2000), one of the plays that started it all.

community calendar

What's happening in Minden

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca

Having an event this summer? List it for free in the Summer Guide
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- April 21: OFigure Out Food Labels Tour, Minden IGA (Hwy 35) 10:30 a.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
- April 22: Earth Day Celebrations at RDLP from noon until 5 pm
- April 22: Minden Community Forum – Ninth in a series of Forums will be of interest to everybody in Haliburton Highlands, the topic being Hopeful People, Healthy People. Hear about Planned Improvements to Hospital and Mental Care Services in Haliburton Highlands from Paul Rosebush (HHHS CEO) and Dave Jarvis (Mental Health Services). Come learn & ask your questions at Minden United Church (21 Newcastle St) at 7:30 pm. For more information call Don at 286-1305.
- April 23: OFigure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 5:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.
- April 25: Lochlin Community Centre is having a Yard & Trunk Sale at the Lochlin Hall from 8 am to 2 pm - We are looking for any interested people that would like to sell their goods at this event. A $10 donation to the hall would be appreciated. A BBQ will be ran by the Lochlin Hall Committee. To book a table, or pop your trunk call Paula at 457-3557.
- April 26: Emergency Services Appreciation Day at the Minden United Church at 11 am – Help us to recognize the Police, Firefighters, Paramedics and Hospital Emergency Personnel for their rold in our community. Light lunch served following the service.
- April 29: Haliburton United Church Women's Annual Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale – Join us at the Haliburton United Church from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, and Tea or Coffee for only $7.
- April 29: Do you have Parkinson's Disease? Do you live with or care for a person with Parkinson's Disease? - Attend one of the following information meetings, from 2-4 pm or 7-9 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, we are located at the Haliburton Health Centre, Ground Floor, 7217 Gelert Rd, Haliburton. For more information or to register please call Sabrina Henry, Team Support 455-9220 Ext. 307
- April 30: The Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary will hold their general meeting and elections at 7 pm, members please plan to attend.
- April 30: Spin Dig, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition, 7 pm, McKeck's Place - Kick off the cycling season! FREE fun, films and festivities! Bring your cycling and soon-to-be cycling family and friends for a great social evening. Door prizes, loonie/toonie auction and a variety of short cycling films. Come and find out what other great cycling activities the coalition has planned for the spring. For more information please call 457-1391.

Dawson's Dream Bowl-a-Thon, Carnival and Silent Auction

On Saturday, May 2, 2009, The Dawson's Dream Team is inviting all of you to take part in a day of fun, excitement and community spirit! This day is to come together to help a family and especially a young boy's dream come true!Dawson Hamilton has been battling leukemia for 4 years and althought he is now calling home, Minden once again, he still remains afflicted with so many complications due to the severe and invasive treatments his body needed to fight the cancer not once BUT twice!

Our team already has some amazing items up for Auction.....

Maple Leaf Tickets, Raptor tickets, Second City Theater Tickets (show and dinner for 4). Come bid on our WiiFit! Teams of 6 people can sign up ($10.00 per person) to bowl against others for a cash prize! Please contact Jenn 754-9265 or jennifer_whiteway@sympatico.ca with any questions, if you would like to sign up your bowling team or if you wish to make a contribution to the Silent Auction!

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca., or brought in to the office.
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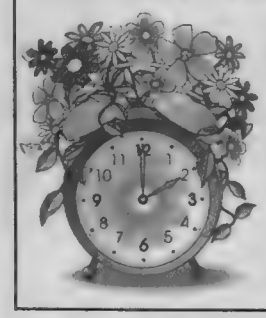

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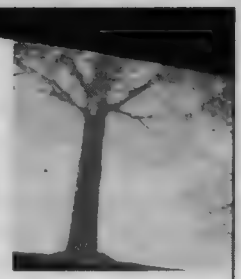

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Special thanks to Randy Warburton and Barb Bennett for their comforting words, also the ladies of Haven of Rest church for the delicious lunch served after the service and the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their excellent care and thoughtfulness.

Thanks again,
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In loving memory of our three children Peter Anderson April 15, 2004, Jennifer Bennett May 5, 2004 and Brian Anderson March 9, 2009.
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We miss all of you more each day.
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ADAMSON, Iris Lillian (nee Hall) - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, April 20, 2009. In her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Douglas. Dear mother of Diane and her husband Don Booth (predeceased). Loving grandmother of Les and his wife Debbie, Linda and her husband Duane. Great grandmother of Christopher, Danny, Ryan, Aaron, Justin and Nathan. Dear sister of the late Nellie, Doris and Henry. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 3:00 until 5:00 pm and on Friday, April 24, 2009 from 12:00 noon until the time of the service at 1:00 pm. Cremation to follow. Reception to follow at the family centre in the funeral home. Memorial Donations to World Vision, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), or the Christian Blind Mission would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

COOPER, Pat (Patricia) Irene - Passed away suddenly at her home in Minden on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. At the age of 61. Beloved wife of the late Jerald Wesley "Jerry" Cooper (2007). Dear mother of Karen and her husband Neil Pragnell of Barrie, Jerry and his wife Angelica of Edmonton, Alberta, and predeceased by Dwayne. Loving grandmother of Keisha, Tyra, Ethan, Ella, and Brenden. Dear sister of Jim (Nancy) Watson, predeceased by her brother Bill Watson and sister-in-law of Garry (Ruth), Ralph (Cathy), Colleen Bacon (the late Martin). Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME. LTD.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Funeral Service in the chapel on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Sincere Thanks

Our sincere thank you to the many friends, neighbours, colleagues and relatives who took time from their busy lives to pay respect to our wife, mother and grandmother, Ella Toye. Their flowers, cards, donations and visits helped to ease our grief.

Thank you Reverend Max Ward for making our many happy memories come alive to sustain us. Our gratitude to Barry, Kirsten and Sarah of Monks funeral services for their many acts of kindness and professionalism. The ladies of the Church provided refreshments enjoyed by all and we thank them.

Special thanks to the individuals, who over the years have provided excellent home care and especially to the nurses and all the staff of the Hyland Crest Nursing Home where Ella made many new friends. Thank you to Dr. Kristie Gammon for her compassionate care, your help was invaluable. Ella was a gentle, loving soul and we will all miss her.

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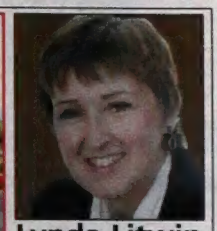

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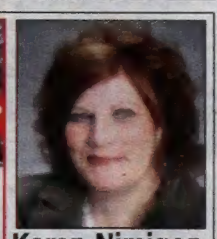

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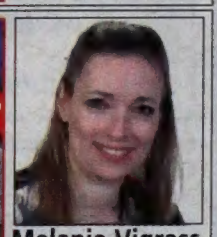

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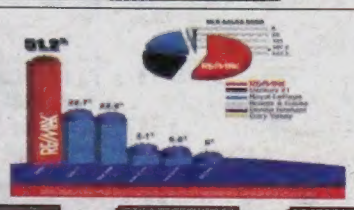

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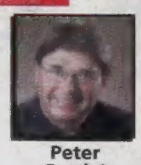

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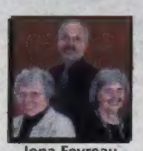

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